

FROM THE FOUR WINDS.

The demise of the Merchants and Manufacturing Association as prophesied in their announcement to the real estate men on Wednesday, that the association was not in a position to fulfill its obligation for rent for the rooms it occupied, is very, very sad.

The M. & M. Association when formed, had the assistance, not only of the members of the Commercial Club, but of all other business men having the welfare of the state at heart. The primary reasons for organization an association of the kind were first to induce people to be loyal to home industry, in other words, to buy Utah-made goods, and secondly to make Utah manufacturers produce goods that would be equal in every way to those received from other states.

But no sooner was the organization perfected with Mr. Orson Hewlett as president, than the association began to usurp the functions of the legislature, the city council, the Commercial Club, the moon, the stars, God Almighty and the archangels. Really it was quite a task and the strain soon told, for whether because he couldn't help it, or in spite of his efforts, the dominating personality of Mr. Hewlett swiftly transformed the intent of the organization, and it became, in fact, a grand advertisement for such spices, baking powders, coffees, extracts and the palld teas that "Brother" was able to corner in Japan during his Occidental tours.

Mr. Hewlett was later succeeded in his position as president and of late, when not giving his dramatic readings at political gatherings, the febrile Lon J. Haddock has been fairly active in conducting the affairs of the association, which for a long time has been as purposeless as anything begun in such a good cause and ending in such a farce, could be.

It was just before Mr. Hewlett's retirement that the "Three Crowns" began to show signs of top-heaviness, when it was proposed to combine the M. & M. Association with the Retail Butchers and Grocers Association, a food trust as vicious in its intent, but more brazen in the publicity of its organization, than that of the grocers and butchers who are at present holding-up local consumers. It was not so large as the present trust, but it was the beginning of what we now have, and such a howl went up from the Real Estate association and others protesting against the affiliation, that the M. & M. Association who were under the impression that they could do as they pleased with the organization, and in the doing use the names of decent men who were made members under the false pretense that the purpose of the outfit was that as advertised in the beginning.

Subsequently two efforts, one official, were made to have the M. & M. one-man show taken under the wing of the Commercial Club, but through the sound judgment of the governing board, and also through a keen sense of smell of its members, who detected something besides a mouse, the anticipated hope was dashed.

It is a sad death and the few kind friends of the deceased will feel their bereavement keenly. It is hoped the interment will be private.

With another attempt of Joe Sullivan and Abe Majors, the two notorious murderers serving life sentence at the penitentiary, to escape, checked just in time, the question seems pertinent as to just how much longer the lives of the guards at the penitentiary and lives of other prisoners at the institution who incur the displeasure of either murderers are to be placed in jeopardy by the continued apparent carelessness exercised in handling the two criminals.

The officials of the prison have repeatedly de-



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